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In re application of: Hodge et al.

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SEQUENCES RELATED TO
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION

This Amendment is submitted in response to a Final Office action dated March 30, 2009, for which a three-month period for reply was set, making a response due on or before June 30, 2009. A reply filed within two months of the mailing date of the Office Action (that is, by May 30, 2009) receives the potential benefit described on pages 5 – 6 of the Office Action. Applicants believe that this response is timely filed within this two-month period and that no fees are due. In the event fees are required with filing this document, please charge Deposit Account 02-4550. Please amend the referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 3 and end with a **Conclusion** on page 4.